

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation removes the term "other person", "resident on a hospital staff", and "intern" from the list of individuals required to perform mandatory reporting while adding "other health care worker", "principal or other school personnel", "professional child care worker who is at least eighteen years of age", "counselor", "therapist", "other mental health professional", "substance abuse counselor", "law enforcement officer", or "probation or parole officer".

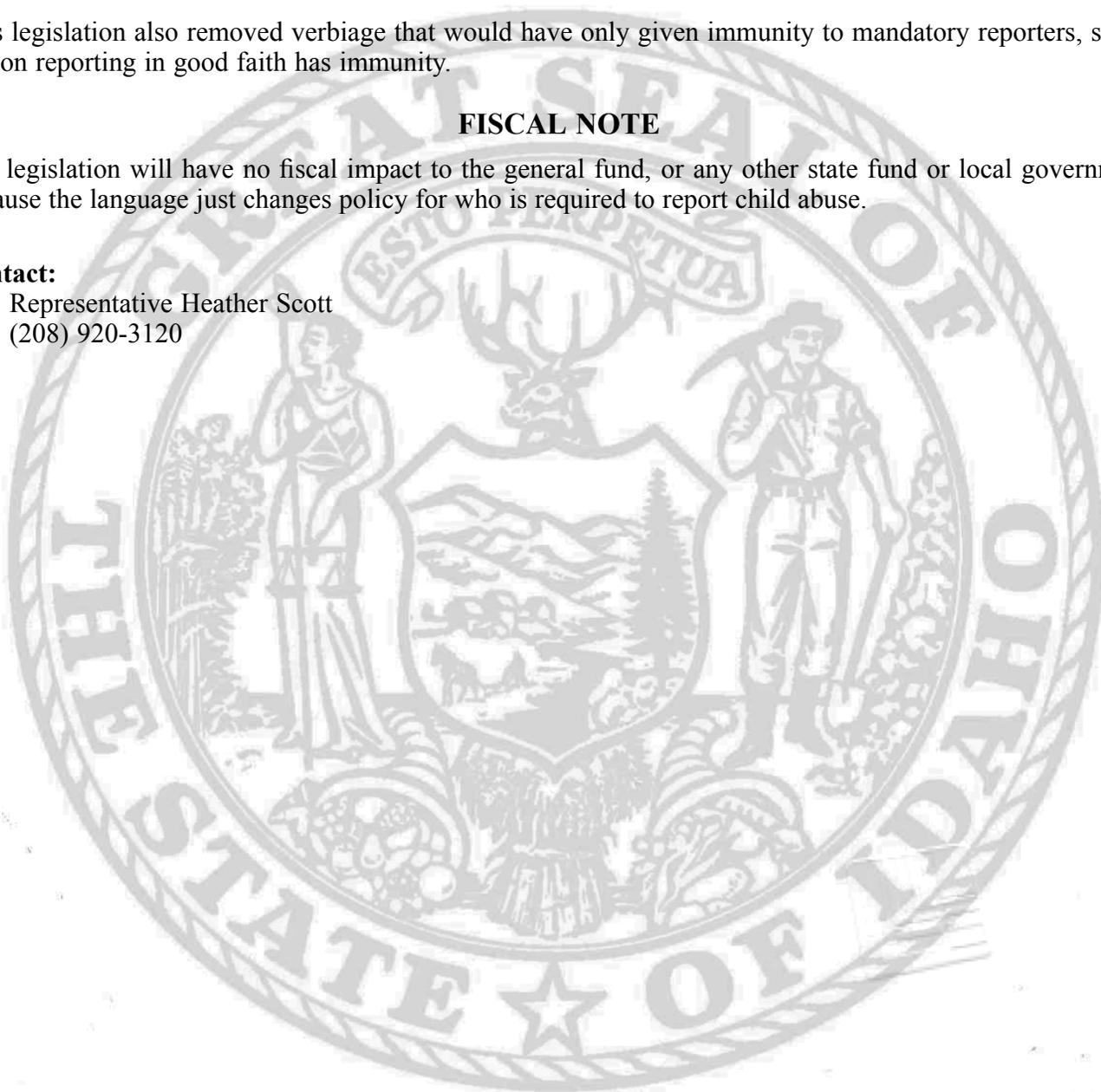
This legislation also removed verbiage that would have only given immunity to mandatory reporters, so any person reporting in good faith has immunity.

FISCAL NOTE

The legislation will have no fiscal impact to the general fund, or any other state fund or local governments because the language just changes policy for who is required to report child abuse.

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